

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A polyester film for release film having a coating layer on at least one surface thereof with defects of not more than 50 per m^2 , which polyester film has such properties that the amount of polyester oligomers extracted from the surface of said coating layer after 10-minute heat treatment at 150°C is not more than 0.3 mg/ m^2 , and the inclination of the principal axis of orientation (angle of orientation) of the film is not more than 8°.
2. A release film for polarizing plate comprising the polyester film as defined in Claim 1 and a release layer provided thereon.
3. A polyester film for polarizing plate protective film comprising the film as defined in Claim 1.